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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) CR. NO. 23-1-/8

Plaintiff,) INDICTMENT
(21 U.S.C. § 846)

VS.)

MICHAEL FARINAS, (01))

ELMER FARINAS, (02))

Defendants.)

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

A. <u>General</u> Allegations

From a time unknown but by November 1999 and continuing to at least October 22, 2001, in the District of Hawaii and elsewhere,

MICHAEL FARINAS and ELMER FARINAS,

defendants herein, willfully conspired together with each other and with other persons known and unknown to the grand jury, to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute, in excess of 50 grams of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers (a Schedule II controlled substance), in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

B. Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

It was the objective of this conspiracy that pound quantities of methamphetamine would be obtained on the U.S. mainland on an ongoing basis, and transported to the State of Hawaii to be distributed in Hawaii. The conspirators intended that the methamphetamine obtained on the mainland would physically be transported to Hawaii by drug courier(s) travelling via commercial airlines.

In furtherance and during the existence of this conspiracy, MICHAEL and ELMER FARINAS participated in the conspiracy as follows:

- 1. MICHAEL and ELMER FARINAS recruited
 "couriers" in Hawaii, who agreed to transport U.S. currency from
 Hawaii to the U.S. mainland, and upon return, transport pound
 quantities of methamphetamine from the U.S. mainland to Hawaii.
- 2. MICHAEL and ELMER FARINAS provided U.S. currency to "couriers" in Hawaii for delivery to methamphetamine "sources" on the U.S. mainland. From time to time, MICHAEL and ELMER FARINAS also caused U.S. currency to be wire-transferred

from Hawaii to the U.S. mainland, in order to pay for "courier" expenses, or, to be provided to mainland methamphetamine "sources."

3. MICHAEL and ELMER FARINAS received pound quantities of methamphetamine in Hawaii from returning "couriers," and, thereafter provided the methamphetamine to others in Hawaii.

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846.

DATED: $\frac{5/7/63}{}$, at Honolulu, Hawaii.

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